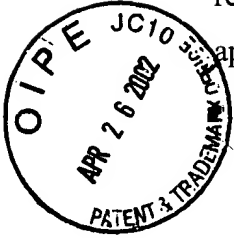
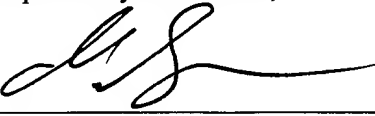


CONCLUSION

The above amendments to the claims do not add new matter; the applicant respectfully requests the amendments be entered prior to examining the above-identified application.

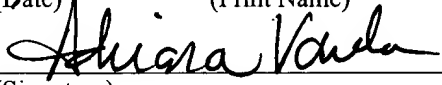


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